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6.	Share Capital to State Scheduled Castes Development Corp.	113.52	—	57.64
7.	Post Matric Scholarship of SC/ST students	890.748	1341.75	990.75
8.	Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	26.50	—	116.00
9.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupation	78.57	22.00	84.46
10.	Grants in aid to State TDCC for minor forest produce	—	—	50.00
11.	SCA to Tribal Sub Plan	3497.39	1748.70	274.22
12.	Grants in aid under Article 275 (1)	801.00	725.25	725.25
13.	Vocational Training Centres	—	44.34	—

Implementation of Schemes for Promotion of Tourism

5375. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated by the Union Government during the current financial year to promote tourism in Rajasthan, scheme-wise;

(b) whether tourism industry has flourished tremendously in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures being undertaken by the Union Government to bring Ajmer on the map of World tourism;

(e) the number of foreign tourists who visited the various tourist spots of Rajasthan during the last year;

(f) whether Ajmer would also be linked with the Palace on Wheels tourist train; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) :

(a) During 1996-97, Six projects have been identified for Central Financial Assistance to Government of Rajasthan. These projects are : (1) Extension of Tourist Bungalow at Gangaur—Rs. 14 lakhs, (2) Tourist Bungalow at Ajmer—Rs. 7 lakhs, (3) Tourist Bungalow at Mt. Abu—Rs. 14 lakhs, (4) Tourist Bungalow at Churu—Rs. 20 lakhs, (5) Tourist Bungalow at Jhunjhunu—Rs. 20 lakhs, (6) Cafeteria at Osian—Rs. 15 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The details of tourist arrivals in Rajasthan during the last three years is given below :

Year	Tourist Arrivals (Indian & Foreign)
1993	5995059
1994	5136687
1995	5783611

(d) The promotion of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments for specific projects/proposals. The Government of India has provided assistance for development of Tourism in Ajmer for three projects, namely (1) Yatrika at Ajmer, (2) Pilgrim Shed at Vishram Sthali, Ajmer, (3) Public Convenience at Vishram Sthali, Ajmer.

(e) During the year 1995, 534749 foreign tourists visited Rajasthan.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. Does not arise.

[English]

Metro Channel in Kerala

5376. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations for a metro channel transmitter at Alleppey in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Metro service of Doordarshan is being extended initially to State Capitals and major cities in the country in a phased manner depending on availability of resources and inter-se priorities. There is, no approved scheme at present, to set up a TV Transmitter at Alleppey in Kerala for relay of Metro Channel service.

[Translation]

Civil Aviation Network

5377. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes proposed for the development of Civil Aviation Network in the country during 1996-97, State-wise; and

(b) the amount earmarked therefor, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The Schemes for the development of Civil Aviation are not formulated State-wise but are based on overall national priorities.

An amount of Rs. 4139 crores has been earmarked for various schemes of the Civil Aviation sector in the Annual Plan 1996-97.

[English]

Women Workers in Hazardous Industries

5378. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any census on the number of women workers in the hazardous industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to protect such women from their employees ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) According to the information received from the Office of the Registrar General of India, no separate data on the number of women workers in the hazardous industry is maintained.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Factories Act, 1948 stipulates minimum standards for safety, health and welfare of workers while at work and lays down measures to be taken to ensure

their protection. Section 66 of the Act provides restrictions on the employment of women, according to which no woman shall be required or allowed to work in any factory except between the hours of 6 AM and 7 PM.

Non-Functioning of Telephones in Rural Areas

5379. SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the telephone communication system is not upto the mark in the rural areas since most of the telephones provided do not function properly; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve telephone services in rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The telecommunication system in rural areas are working satisfactorily. However, some complaints have been received regarding improper functioning of village public Telephones.

(b) Instructions and Guidelines have been issued for taking immediate action to improve the performance of Village Public Telephones.

Maintenance/Repairs of Air India Aircrafts

5380. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India has sent their aircrafts out of the country for repair/maintenance during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total foreign exchange spent in this regard during the above period, aircraft-wise;

(d) whether executives and other employees had also gone abroad in this connection;

(e) if so, the details alongwith the facilities provided to them; and

(f) the amount of foreign exchange incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Eight aircrafts were sent abroad for major checks during 1993-94 to 1995-96. Details of the expenditure incurred are given in the Statement attached.

(d) to (f) Representatives from the concerned departments of Air India were deputed to monitor and assist in the work of the repair agencies. The expenditure towards hotel accommodation and conveyance in respect of these representatives was borne by the repair agencies.